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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1, at line 2, by inserting -- at least 2% by weight -- before "insoluble".

Please amend Claim 13, at line 3, by inserting -- at least 2% by weight -- before "insoluble".

Please amend Claim 20, at line 3, by inserting -- at least 2% by weight -- before "insoluble".

Please amend Claim 24 as follows:

24. A method of reducing calculus and plaque build up on a cat's teeth, the method comprising administering to the pet a dried kibble which contains at least 2% by weight of an insoluble fiber and a humectant, has reduced brittleness, a moisture content of less than 10% by weight, and has a length of at least about 6 mm, a thickness of at least about 6 mm, and in which the minimum distance from a center of gravity of the matrix to a surface of the matrix is about 3 mm.